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REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action regarding restriction requirement mailed on July 26, 2006 (Office Action)

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth the following restriction requirement requiring election of one of the below identified groups:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a bioactive sol-gel solution comprising a biocompatible polymer, a gellable inorganic base and at least a calcium and phosphorous molecular compound, classified in class 424, subclass 486.
- II. Claims 11-38, drawn to a bioactive bioglass composite, classified in class 424, subclass 411.

In this Reply, Applicants elect Group II (Claims 11-38) and have withdrawn Group I (Claims 1-10), without prejudice. The election is made with traverse.

Based on the above election, Applicants request removal of the restriction requirement and substantive examination of claims 11-38. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or improper in any way, or if a telephonic interview will expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees due with the filing of this document and during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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